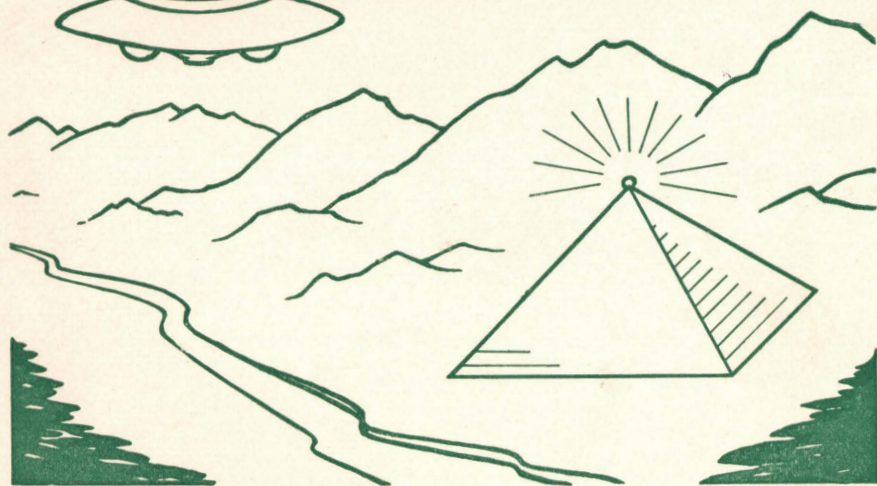


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OUT OF THIS WORLD - OR IS IT?

In spite of claims by various people to have visited other planets, there is not the slightest material evidence to prove that any Earthman or woman has ever left the stratosphere in the physical body. To the average person, puzzled by stories of Venusian husbands and invitations to visit the Moon, an authoritative statement to this effect would be reassuring - but it might also make him dismiss all stories of saucers and extra-terrestrial beings as sensationalism or fiction. What is required is a scientific investigation and explanation of all these stories by an independent body.

The case of Mrs. Howard, for example, as presented by the Press, was too fantastic to be swallowed by the ordinary person. However, add the scientific explanation that that she had a dream or vision in which she visited Venus, and the story becomes completely acceptable - because it is capable of comprehension. We have bridged the gap between everyday experience and the utterly fantastic.

How many more stories of space travel fall into the same category as Mrs. Howard's?

Under a slightly different heading are stories like that of Orfeo Angelucci, who was carried up beyond the stratosphere in a ball of light and saw the Earth spread out below him. The scientific explanation of his experience is quite simple, though we lack a full understanding of the processes involved. However Angelucci's experience is neither unique nor new. The A.F.S.R.S. has investigated a similar case in South Australia involving the same "ball of light". In this case, however, the distance was much greater - a trip to a planet which the investigators identified as Venus. In this respect the subject's experience bore some resemblance to Mrs. Howard's.

The important factor in all these cases is that the physical body never leaves the Earth. It enters a trance-like state, which may be induced by hypnosis or other means, and the astral body is then free to wander wherever it is directed. The process is similar to the familiar experience of dreaming, except that all the physical sensations are taken along with the astral body; so that as far as the subject is concerned, he might be in his actual physical body.

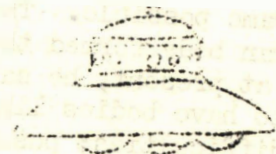
In fact, if there are no witnesses to testify that his body has not moved, it may be difficult to convince the subject that he has not physically left the spot. This may explain cases where a person sincerely believes that he or she has been to another planet.

The student of matters concerning U.F.O.'s comes more and more into contact with these aspects of what is usually known as the occult. They range from mysterious men in the Maury Island affair to full-blown theories ascribing all aeroforms to the "Etherian" world where matter is on a different "vibratory plane" from our visible world. Even if he does not approve of such lines of investigation, no serious researcher can afford to ignore them where they directly concern the subject of flying saucers.

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PUBLICATION PROBLEMS

Last quarter we ventured into print as an experiment in our quest for a more presentable magazine, after an initial attempt at duplicating. When the Committee went into the details of publishing this issue, a comparison of figures showed that until a larger circulation could be guaranteed, the "Record" would not pay its way in printed form.

It was therefore decided to return to the duplicated text for the present, though retaining the same handy size as the printed edition, with a permanent cover. In this way we are able to produce at reasonable cost a magazine which, we feel, does not compare too unfavourably with our contemporaries.

We hope our readers approve of the new production, and we should be glad of any comments or criticisms of the "Record" in its present form. It is our aim to bring to our readers, not only in this country but also in many other parts of the world, the latest developments in the saucer story as it unfolds in Australia.

ANOTHER CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE

The June General Meeting was held on Friday, 3rd. June at the Rechabite Chambers in Victoria Square, Adelaide. This will be the regular meeting place from now on, and meetings will be held on the first Friday in each month.

Mr. E. Cartwright gave an address on the limitations of space travel, in the course of which he gave his audience a very clear and detailed picture of the problems, mechanical, physical, and financial, which would have to be overcome before projected plans for space tra-

vel became possible. The physical limitations imposed by the human body formed the biggest drawback to space flight at present, he said. As the saucerians were reported to have bodies like ours, they must have overcome those difficulties; possibly by using a force-field propulsion, which would at once dispose of most of the main problems.

"WAR OF THE WORLDS"

The Committee were invited by the Manager of the Majestic Theatre, Adelaide, to attend a screening of the film "War of the Worlds", H.G. Wells's famous (or notorious) invasion-from-lars story in a present-day setting. The film was entertaining from a fictional point of view and well produced, and the photography in some scenes was very impressive. The spirit of the original story was faithfully reproduced, and the basic plot was accurately followed.

However the story contradicts modern ideas of life on our neighbour planets. We now have evidence that the planets, if inhabited at all, are inhabited by beings like ourselves, but probably of much higher spiritual development, to whom life is ever more sacred than it is to us. A hostile invasion and massacre of humanity by Martian monsters is completely out of the question.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Discussion group meetings have now become a well-established part of the Society's activities, and to cater for members living in the Southern suburbs, meetings were arranged at the home of Mrs. Neill, at Glenunga. These were held on the fourth Friday in each month so that those members who wished to do so could attend all the meetings. The thanks of the Society go to Mrs. Neill for the hospitality extended to members and guests.

The Northern suburbs meetings were held on the third Friday in each month, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Cartwright.

A deadline has been fixed at one o'clock for discussion groups, so that those who had to leave around midnight would not feel that they were missing the best part of the discussion!

APEX CLUB DINNERS

During the past quarter, two members of the Committee were invited to address dinner meetings of Apex Clubs at Gawler and Adelaide, on the 25th. May and 25th. July respectively. The Hon. President (Mr. F. Stone) and Mr. Keith Cartwright made the trip to Gawler, and their addresses were well received by the Club members. The Hon. President and Hon. Secretary attended the dinner in Adelaide, where the Club members asked some very pertinent and searching questions on flying saucers. Their evident interest in the subject made the work of the speakers very pleasant.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Hon. President and Hon. Secretary, assisted by Mr. Ross Bartholomew, conducted a discussion on flying saucers at a meeting of the Aderina Social Club on the 9th. July.

A SAUCER DETECTOR

A practical device for detecting the presence of magnetic fields caused by saucers passing overhead was demonstrated by Mr. K. Cartwright at the July General Meeting. The basis of the device is a magnet or piece of iron suspended from another magnet at a critical distance, such that the presence of an external magnetic field would cause the lower magnet or piece of iron to fall. He demonstrated this principle with three magnets, using the leaves of a book to provide the critical spacing between two of them; the proximity of the third magnet, representing an external field, was sufficient to cause the lower magnet to fall. Mr. Cartwright has one of these devices

permanently set up in his home, but so far no saucer has come within range of it.

BOGUS SAUCER INVESTIGATORS

At the July meeting the Hon. Secretary reported that certain persons had claimed to represent the Society in making investigations, and that he had appealed to members of the public, through the local Press, to ask anyone making such investigations to produce his official Membership Card before giving him any information or facilities. Production of such credentials, he said, authorises members to make all reasonable investigations on behalf of the Society. However the A.F.S.R.S. cannot accept responsibility for bogus investigators whose credentials have not been checked. (See foot of page 26.)

INSIDE INFORMATION

A regular item in monthly meetings is the "Inside Information Session", in which recent saucer news, mainly from overseas magazines and newsletters, is read out to members. These are items of news and information which do not see the light of day through normal channels, but which are not long enough or not in sufficient detail to justify an article in the "Record" or a special session at a meeting.

OVERSEAS MAGAZINES

There are several saucer magazines from overseas organizations which may be ordered through this Society. Those who would like to order any of these are invited to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary. Among those available are "Flying Saucer News" and "Uranus" (English), "Flying Saucers" (New Zealand), "C.R.I.F.O Newsletter" (U.S.A.), and "The Virana" (U.S.A.).

The prices of these vary but are about 2/- or 2/6d. per copy.

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HON. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

At the August General Meeting the President gave an address in which he commented on recent Press reports of proposed artificial satellites and rocket projects. He quoted the performance of projected rocket ships with speeds of the order of 2,000 m.p.h., and compared this with the U.F.O.'s proved speeds of 10-20,000 m.p.h.

The purpose of these experiments, he said, was to discover the secrets of space. The governments of the world had suddenly decided to spend millions of pounds on space research, and rival nations were even endeavouring to pool their knowledge. Was this a strategy of war, he asked, or was there some other purpose prompting the actions of the governments, one that we are not told too much about? What had caused this sudden urgency to get into space?

Proof that the saucers were not man-made was available in the performance data of proposed space craft, which represented the greatest advance yet to be made in aeronautics. These advanced types of aircraft, the President said, fell far short of the saucers in their performance, and they were not yet even built. The Saucerians had solved the problems of space travel, and had found a secret of propulsion infinitely superior to anything that Earth scientists had evolved.

One could hardly believe that this sudden acceleration of space research was merely due to a desire to race other nations into space. Could it not be, the President asked, because the Governments of the world are gravely concerned with the advent of visitors from space and are anxious to find out more about them?

Referring to an article in the magazine "People" dated 27th. July 1955, headed "Martians May Land Here

Next Year", he pointed out that with all the accumulated knowledge of saucers no one was yet able to give an indisputable statement of their place of origin. That they came from outer space was certain, but that they came from Mars or Venus or elsewhere was not yet conclusively proved. Therefore, the President continued, he could not agree with the writer of the article that they all came from Mars, and that they would probably visit us next year when Mars was at its closest to Earth. In any case, with the speeds at which the saucers travel they would not have to depend on being near the Earth for such a visit; and they had been seen when Mars was furthest away from Earth.

To those who had been entrusted with such a secret of propulsion, distance was no barrier. Man, in his present stage, the President said, could not be entrusted with such powers, for he could not even be trusted to handle nuclear power for the benefit of all mankind. Let Man strive for all things which would enlarge his vision and elevate him, but let him prove himself worthy of the knowledge gained lest he find that his desire for such attainment were not approved, and he brought upon himself his own condemnation.

He concluded by saying that we need not fear an invasion from Mars of grotesque and terrifying beings, but we had to prove ourselves worthy of our present knowledge before we could go a step further in the quest for the Stars.

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PRESS CUTTINGS

We appeal to all members and friends to send us cuttings of newspaper and magazine reports of saucer sightings, etc. Even if we already have copies of them, we still appreciate any cuttings you may come across, as we exchange them with other organizations throughout the world - which means that we need many copies of a good local report. You can hand the cuttings to a Committee member at meetings, or post them to the Headquarters at

22 Northcote St., Kilburn, South Australia.

This is one concrete way in which everyone can help in the work of the Society, but especially interstate members and friends, since we want saucer news from all over Australia - and the more we get, the happier we shall be.

PLEASE - when you send a cutting, mark it with the NAME of the newspaper and the DATE. An easy way to do this is to clip the name-and-date line from the top of the page and stick it on the back of the cutting.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE A.F.S.R.S.

Membership of the Society is open to all who are interested in flying saucers. The membership fee is 10/- per annum for members living in South Australia. Interstate membership is available for those living in other States, and Overseas Membership is also available for any interested persons in other countries who may wish to join the A.F.S.R.S. All Interstate and Overseas Members receive a free copy of each issue of the "Record".

The fees per annum for these classes of membership are as follow:

<u>Interstate:</u>	15/- Australian.
<u>Sterling Area:</u>	12/- Sterling.
<u>U.S.A. & Canada:</u>	\$1.50.

The "Australian Saucer Record" is available to non-members, in Australia or overseas. The postal subscription rates are given below. All prices shown are per copy and include postage.

<u>Within Australia:</u>	Surface Mail, 2/3d.
<u>Sterling Area:</u>	Surface Mail, 2/- Sterling.
	Airmail, 4/- Sterling.
<u>U.S.A. & Canada:</u>	Surface Mail, 25 cents.
	Airmail, 50 cents.

Mr. H.T. WILKINS WRITES TO A.F.S.R.S. MEMBER

We have had a letter from Mrs. S. Andersen, of Queensland, a member of the Society, whose sighting of a U.F.C. was reported in the "Record" Vol. 1, No. 2. She says that she sent a report of this sighting to Harold T. Wilkins, author of "Flying Saucers on the Moon", and quotes from his reply as follows:

"Thank you for taking the trouble to write to me about your sighting of what certainly appears to be, as you sketch it, a pear-shaped U.F.O., radiating an outer force ring, which may be energy derived from the Earth's magnetic field as it rotates.

"I am just finishing my second book, and I propose using in it your story What these things are here for one can but guess, but if you wasted your time warning Governments and Defence Departments to look out, all you would get would be a horse laugh. No doubt that these things are watching Australia as they are this country, and Western Europe, and America.

"On July 23rd., 1954, at 6.25 a.m., I saw, not high up in the Eastern sky, eight miles from my house on a low hill this weird, red, silent thing, speeding well South of London and probably bound for the West or Midlands" (a sketch of a cigar-shaped object was attached here). "A month later it was seen all down Western Italy, and over the Seine, near Paris.

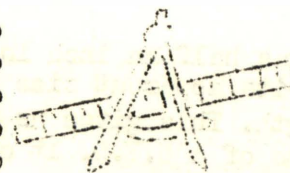
"In my forthcoming book you will see a lot about queer saucer incidents in Australia.

"I cannot tell you whence these weird things come, I think probably from more than one world in space and that they are manned by varying entities, some of whom may not even be human."

We look forward to reading Mr. Wilkins' second book, which is referred to in the June issue of "Uranus" by the Editor, Mr. E. Biddle. When they are available, details of the publication of the book will be passed on to our readers.

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Most of us have heard of the large number of sightings of unidentified objects in the past few years, a rather staggering figure of more than 10,000 sightings since 1947. This large number has undoubtedly convinced a few "Doubting Thomases", but the full value of most of these sightings has been lost to investigators because of the inability of the untrained observers to sight correctly.

A wealth of information could be gleaned from only a few accurate observations, giving details such as compass bearing, height, time, weather conditions, and actual description of the object.

I wish to point out that it is impossible for one observer to estimate the actual size or distance of an object in the sky, of a type which he has never seen before. For example, if the object were a DC3 passenger plane, the observer, having seen it both on the ground and in the air, knows full well its physical dimensions and hence can estimate its range, or distance from the observer, from its apparent size. Now let us suppose that the manufacturers made another model exactly twice the size of the original DC3. The observer, when sighting this new craft, would draw on his previous memories and so estimate the range as half the actual distance.

The first stumbling-block seems to be the estimation of the size of an unknown object. It cannot be surmised too strongly that such descriptions as "The size of an orange" or "About two inches long" are completely valueless and misleading. The only estimation that has any scientific value is that of apparent size, either measured in degrees or compared with a known, fixed reference. Now the Moon is about 2,000 miles in diameter, but because of its great distance it can be covered by the tip of a finger held at arm's length. No one would say that

the Moon was half an inch in diameter, but it could be said that its apparent size was that of the finger-tip at arm's length. This gives us a clue to accurate estimation of the size of a U.F.O. It only takes a second to hold up a finger and, with one eye closed, compare its width with the apparent diameter or length of an object. If the object is very large, two fingers or the whole hand may be used. This method of comparison can be duplicated at any time, and the apparent size in degrees calculated at leisure.

The only method for accurate range estimation is that of cross-bearings obtained from two or more observers. The positions of these can be marked on a map, and if each has taken a compass bearing of the object while it was stationary, the result can be plotted on the map. The resultant intersection point of the compass bearings then shows the actual position of the object.

Needless to say, it is extremely unlikely that all the observers would be carrying a compass in their pockets; so if you observe a U.F.O., you can do the next best thing. Position yourself in line with the object and a permanent marker such as a power pole. When in position, i.e. when the object is hidden by the pole, place a marker at your feet. Then at a later date (this time armed with a compass) you can stand at the same marker, and by taking a compass bearing on the pole, you automatically take a bearing on the object.

A further refinement on this method would be to estimate the elevation or height in degrees from the horizon. This measurement also can be obtained at a later date with an instrument called an inclinometer. As before, position yourself in line with the object and the pole and then note at what height the object appears to be on the pole. If it is above the pole, walk towards it until the object and the top of the pole coincide, then place your marker on the ground. A representative can then call on you and obtain the necessary measurements, and later, in the quiet of his home, equipped with a map, compass, trigonometry book and other essentials, the sighting report is converted into facts. (continued on P. 19)

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ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER

Truman Bethurum's story, as told in his book, "Aboard a Flying Saucer" (DeVorss & Co.), is one of the most puzzling ever presented to a saucer researcher. On the one hand, there is ample evidence of Bethurum's sincerity; on the other, the details he gives of the saucer people, their ideas, and their home planet, are completely unacceptable to the scientific mind. More: if the details given are even substantially correct, we shall have to throw away all the accumulated knowledge of centuries in the fields of astronomy, chemistry, optics, physics, and in fact most of the sciences. It is not the lack of detail that condemns the planet Clarion to the realms of Lilliput, Erewhon, and Utopia; it is those gratuitous pieces of information which no man of science, however broadminded, would willingly accept.

Let us consider a few examples. First, the idea that a planet could be hiding behind our moon is so naive that it leaves one breathless. No writer of science fiction would use such an idea if he wished to sell his story. Whether one believes that the solar system rotates about the Earth, or the Earth about the sun, the Moon still moves in an orbit round the Earth; therefore Clarion must circle the Earth as a second satellite, in line with the Moon and beyond it. Such a satellite would be visible to the naked eye from the Earth unless it were always wholly within a cone based on the Moon's diameter and extending some 60,000 miles beyond it. By simple geometry it can be shown that such a body must be smaller than the Moon; to be a reasonable distance from it, near the point of the cone, it must be much smaller.

Taking the case of Mars for comparison, where there are two satellites, a large, fast inner one (Phobos)

and a small, slow outer one (Deimos), one would expect the hypothetical Clarion to have a slower orbit than the Moon. For them both to have the same orbital period is most unlikely. Yet this is essential if Clarion is to hide behind the moon from our sight.

It is not irrelevant to mention here that a planetoid much smaller than the Moon would be unable to retain an atmosphere under known astronomical principles, since its gravity would be a small fraction of that of the Earth.

The reader might ask whether Captain Rhanes meant that Clarion is the face of the Moon which is turned from us; however since she distinguished clearly between Clarion and our Moon, this must be ruled out. The only other possibility is that Bethurum misunderstood her explanation.

The next point to consider is the statement that "Dust, clouds, and reflections make a screen in front of some planets, seeming as if the planet was there; but it is a mirage, a long way from the planet itself". This certainly plays havoc with the laws of optics as we apply them. Then we hear that the "halo about Mars is made of air and dust". That the Martian atmosphere contains air and dust we know, but what is this halo? It sounds more like Venus than Mars.

Again: the atmosphere on the Moon is similar to ours on Earth No comment. And, more comprehensively, the atmosphere on all the planets is stated to be not dissimilar to that on Earth, and no breathing apparatus is necessary for either Earthman or Clarionites. The unassailable answer to a criticism of this assertion is "No one from Earth has been there to find out!" Therefore, this will be passed over with the comment that all the scientific evidence is against it.

The book is fairly free from contradictions, though in one place the author says "It was a great wonder to me that by sitting in my truck and concentrating on the saucer, I could bring to me this great ship out of space"; and in another, "I could never guess even a minute before they arrived that they were near and about to land". There seems to be some inconsistency in his

attitude here.

Apparently there was no witness to any of the landings; it is true that Bethurum pointed out two people in the restaurant as being from Clarion, but since these people, on his own evidence, vanished into thin air, there is no way of positively connecting them with the saucer. They may have been just two materialised spirits who dropped in for a cool drink.

The story as a whole is unsupported by material evidence except for such inconclusive items as the ruined suit (which could have been accidentally eaten away by some caustic substance), the two flares, (of which nothing remains but ash, long since scattered by desert winds); and of course the two messages, one typed in French, the other written in Chinese by Captain Rhanes herself. An examination and analysis of these by experts might yield some interesting evidence. The messages are not in themselves proof that they were written on board an extra terrestrial ship; in fact the writing was done with Bethurum's own pen, so analysis of the ink will not help. However it is possible to find out from an examination of typescript the make and model of typewriter used, and an expert's opinion of the typewritten message would be valuable. That saucer visitors could have a form of typewriter is possible; that they should use, say, a Remington XXX-123 is asking a little too much of the average person's credulity.

The nature of the paper used and its watermarks, if any, might provide further evidence. It is possible that the Clarionites obtained paper from Earthly sources - in fact the remark made by Captain Rhanes when she found her pen was dry may have been a hint that this was the case.

Either Bethurum has a remarkable memory, or he made very detailed notes of the dialogue between himself and the saucer people; for this dialogue is reproduced at great length. It may be that Aura Rhanes' poetic style impressed her words on his memory; certainly her frequent lapses into verse serves to irritate the reader, and does nothing to enhance the dignity of the story.

To sum up, we cannot dismiss Bethurum's story lightly as a hoax, though few members of the public will accept it at its face value. The only reasonable explanation which has been given to date is that by Gordon Lindsay in his book, "The Mystery of the Flying Saucers", in which he suggests that Bethurum came into contact with spirit people, from a spirit world. This covers all the facts and allows the story to be taken literally. From a scientific point of view, it is more acceptable as a theory than the idea of extra-lunar satellites in the physical universe; and it is much better than doubting Bethurum's sanity or veracity.

But whatever the nature of these people may have been, the book as a whole is very entertaining and well worth reading in spite of the anti-climax at the end, where Bethurum closes the story still hoping for his promised visit to Clarion.

-P.D.T.

"FLYING SAUCERS AND COMMONSENSE"

In writing a book on the subject of flying saucers, an author must pick a delicate path between the extremes of sensationalism on one hand and prosy conservatism on the other. One will leave the average reader with the impression that he has picked up a work of science fiction; the other will merely irritate him.

None of the saucer books has been as aptly titled as "Flying Saucers and Commonsense" by Waveney Girvan (Frederick Muller Ltd.). It brings a breeze of fresh air into the stuffy atmosphere of officialdom mumbling in its beard, and puts the whole subject on a plane of sanity.

There is nothing radically new in this book, but the author ties up many loose ends and straightens the record on several confused issues. His reasoning is clear and logical, which makes his points even more effective by contrast with the "professional sceptics", whom he criticises very effectively for ignoring those reports of flying saucers which they cannot, or dare not, explain away.

If the book has a fault it is that of being too

subjective. However Mr. Girvan's personal saucer history is valuable as a record of the inside story of the publication of "The Riddle of the Flying Saucers" and "Flying Saucers have Landed", with which he was intimately connected.

"Flying Saucers and Commonsense" has the advantage of being free of tedious repetitions of the classical saucer stories and long lists of vague oval objects and lights in the sky, which encumbered many of the early books. It is most readable from start to finish, and should hold the interest of every class of reader.

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SAUCER BOOKS

There are now so many saucer books available that the newcomer to the subject invariably asks which books he should read first, and which, if any, he should skip. The obvious solution to this problem is to make the newcomer free of the A.F.S.R.S. library and let him spend a couple of hours browsing! Unfortunately this is not always possible, so we have compiled the following very brief guide to the books which are available, giving an outline of the contents of each.

"BEHIND THE F.S.", by Frank Scully, is one of the earliest saucer books; written in a racy style, it is very readable but the more sensational parts must be taken on their merits. It gives the story of the Denver lecture and suggests magnetic propulsion, with more optimism than science. It is a valuable record of the early days. "THE RIDDLE OF THE F.S." by Gerald Heard is also one of the early books; it is mainly speculative, and the author puts forward his own theory of intelligent insects controlling the saucers. It too gives good coverage of the early history. Already a classic, "F.S. HAVE LANDED" is in two parts; the first by Desmond Leslie, covering his extensive researches into U.F.O.'s from prehistory to the present day, and the second by George Adamski, describing his encounter with a man from Venus in 1952. Donald Key-

hoe's "F.S. FROM OUTER SPACE" is almost entirely factual, containing a mass of material released by or worked out of the U.S. Air Force, and leaves the reader little choice but to believe that something is flying around our skies at 10,000 or more m.p.h. In "F.S. FROM MARS", Cedric Allingham describes a meeting with a man from Mars who landed in Scotland in a saucer. The story is told in a very matter-of-fact manner but is very entertaining. Possible theories of the methods of propulsion used by saucers are discussed in Leonard Cramp's "SPACE, GRAVITY, AND THE F.S.", which will appeal to the technically-minded reader; it contains some interesting ideas about the nature of gravity. "F.S. ON THE MOON" by H.T. Wilkins is a monumental work, containing the results of most intensive research into case histories of sightings of all kinds, and gives a great deal of detail on some of the less-publicised saucer incidents. The very controversial "FLYING SAUCERS" by Dr. D. Menzel sets out, methodically and scientifically, to prove that all U.F.O.'s are natural or scientific phenomena. His methods are interesting and to a certain extent helpful in explaining some "natural phenomena" sightings, but there remain the ten or twenty percent of sightings which Dr. Menzel does not, or cannot, explain away as everyday phenomena. "THE MYSTERY OF THE F.S. IN THE LIGHT OF THE BIBLE", to give the book by Gordon Lindsay its full title, is an interesting study of the subject from the religious aspect; the author has quite decided views about the saucer people with which not everyone will entirely agree. "ABOARD A F.S." is Truman Bethurum's story of the saucer from the "unknown planet Clarion" and its woman captain. Waveney Girvan, in his "F.S. AND COMMONSENSE" hits hard at the sceptics and puts forward a reasonable and reasoned case for the acceptance of saucers.

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BOOKS IN PREPARATION OR RECENTLY PUBLISHED

Below we give a list of titles of forthcoming or recently released books dealing with some aspect of the

subject of saucers. Copies of several of these have been ordered and it is hoped to have them available to members in the Library within the next few months.

- "THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS"
by Kenneth Arnold
- "THE SECRET OF THE SAUCERS"
by Orfeo Angelucci
- "INSIDE THE SPACESHIPS"
by George Adamski
- "MYSTERIES OF TIME AND SPACE"
by Dr. H.P. Wilkins
- "THE CASE FOR THE U.F.O."
by M.K. Jessup
- "FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD "
by Jimmy Guieu
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by J. Plantier
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by Daniel W. Fry
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SCIENTIFIC SIGHTING (continued from P. 12)

For example, the bearings intersected over Glenelg; the height was 6,000 feet; the apparent size or physical dimensions are calculated; and it was not Venus! -K.C.

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Here is a review of sighting reports given to the Society by observers in South Australia during the past quarter. They are as far as possible in chronological order, and cover a considerable range of types of U.F.O. Each of the observers was personally interviewed by a member of the Society.

MOVING LIGHT NORTH OF ADELAIDE

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Mr. J. Bushell: While riding a motor cycle with a companion along Days Road, Ferryden Park, at 9.25 p.m. on 9th. January 1955, Mr. Bushell saw a moving light in the North-Eastern sky. It was reddish in colour, like an average star in size, and it moved downwards in an arc from about 30 degrees to about 15 degrees. It passed several stars as it moved, then it hovered for a while before it was lost to sight behind some trees. Mr. Bushell commented that its flight path was unusual for an aircraft. The weather was clear at the time.

SCHOOLGIRLS SEE RECTANGULAR OBJECT

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Observer: At five minutes past noon on 11th. May, 1955, the observer was with 15 or 20 other schoolgirls at Unley Technical School, near Adelaide, when they saw a bright, silvery blue object in the sky, at about 40 or 45 degrees altitude. She described the shape as rectangular, the width being about two-thirds of the length. First seen in the West, it moved towards the South and then disappeared. The weather was fine with a few clouds. Checking with the RAAF, the Society was told that there were no weather balloons in the area at that time, nor aircraft answering to the descrip-

tion given.

BLUE GLOBE AT ROSEWATER

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Observer: The report describes an object in the South-Western sky, about 45 degrees altitude, seen at about 7.30 p.m. on June 14th, 1955. It was "like a light globe", with a fairly sharp outline; light blue in colour, "fading at the end". It was about one-quarter of the Moon's diameter. Its movement was linear, almost vertically downwards; it was visible for approximately five seconds. The movement was "slower than the average meteorite", and the observer was fairly certain that it was not a meteorite. It made no sound. The weather was clear and cool.

OBJECT SEEN TWICE

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Mr. J. McIntyre: At 2.15 p.m. on the 17th June, 1955, Mr. McIntyre was driving towards Adelaide on the South Road, at Tapley's Hill. In the Western sky, over the sea, he saw a shiny object, like a large star, about 10-15 degrees above the horizon. It appeared to be stationary, above a layer of cloud. As he drove towards the city, the object became obscured by trees and buildings. He got a pair of binoculars and drove to a vantage point at Clapham, where a clear view across to the sea was available. At 2.45 he again saw the object, and through the binoculars it appeared as an oblong shape with two points of brightness evenly spaced along its length. Its appearance was silvery and it showed a slight movement. At one stage, clouds passed in front of it. Then an aircraft appeared in the vicinity, and the object moved behind a cloud and was not seen again. The weather was fine, with some cloud. The Sun was visible.

BOYS' SIGHTINGS AT EDWARDSTOWN

"News" (Adelaide), 1st. July 1955: About 5 p.m. yester-

day a small boy playing football on Edwardstown Oval pointed to the sky and cried "Look, a flying saucer." The 20 other boys on the ground looked, and it WAS a flying saucer - at least, that's what they said when we visited Forbes School today to get their account of the incident. After much sorting out, it was finally determined that Desmond Mueller had seen the object first. He said that it had been about 500 ft. in the air, over to the East. "It was round and had a dome in the middle. It seemed to be circling," he said.

Ronald Weaver said they had watched the "saucer" for about five minutes. He said it seemed to float up behind clouds. "It was a sort of grey colour," he added. Meteorologists at Adelaide Airport said this morning that they had sent up a large weather balloon about 1.30 p.m. yesterday, but that would have been well out of view by 5 p.m. - the time the boys saw the object.

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Observers: Graham Harrowell and Raymond Matthews, two of the boys who saw the U.F.O. on June 30th., were interviewed by an A.F.S.R.S. member. Graham's description was of a grey ring with a lighter or whitish centre; there appeared to be a shiny knob on top. It seemed to be spinning. He first saw it in the South-East, then it moved overhead and Northward and disappeared, behind clouds. Raymond said it was oval, but could have been a disc, with a grey centre and dark outside; the outline being quite sharp. He said it moved towards him from the South-West and then moved to the left. (i.e. Eastwards). They both agreed that it was about the size of the Moon, perhaps a little smaller. It was a calm afternoon, with some cloud. The Sun was behind the clouds, nearly set.

On the following day, 1st. July, Graham, Raymond, and several other boys saw a similar object at 4.00 p.m. from Forbes School. The general description was the same as before, except that it was slightly fuzzy or blurred. It moved from the North-East straight across the sky to the South-West, at about the speed of an aircraft. Both boys said it resembled a smoke ring in general appearance, but they were certain that it could not have been a smoke

ring. The day was calm, and the sun was shining.

BRILLIANT STATIONARY OBJECT

Report to A.F.S.R.S. by Observer: Between 6.35 and 6.40 p.m. on 24th July 1955, an observer at Semaphore saw in the South-Eastern sky, towards North Adelaide, an object "like a tremendous star, silvery bright, with rays being emitted". Its outline was circular, with rough edges; it was estimated to be about a quarter the size of the full moon. It appeared stationary, but gradually disappeared, "possibly behind clouds". There was no sound. The object was about ten degrees above the horizon. The weather was clear except for a long low bank of clouds over the Hills in the direction of the object. The stars were visible, and there was a new moon in the Western sky.

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"IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT"

During the month of August we had several very interesting reports of strange lights seen in the vicinity of Adelaide, which were investigated by a member of the A.F.S.R.S. The most notable case occurred at 9.40 p.m. on Saturday, 24th. July and was witnessed by Constable Bird and Mr. F.W. Rooney from the Glenelg foreshore. The object first appeared in the shape of a banana, yellow in colour, with a dark portion immediately above the object; then, above this, a white haze. As this combination of lights came towards them from over the sea, the yellow portion seemed to split in the middle, and separated into two more prominent lights. First one light disappeared, then the other, leaving only the haze.

Our investigator obtained the following facts, which, in our opinion, spoiled a most promising sighting: Two passenger aircraft were in the vicinity at the same time, and inquiry of officials at West Beach Airport, a couple of miles to the North of the sighting, revealed that these planes landed only four minutes later, at 9.44

p.m. This led us to believe that the combination of lights were the landing lights of a plane approaching the airport from over the sea. The pilot of one plane had turned off first one landing light, then the other. The haze was attributed to the Moon, which was showing its light through a bank of clouds on the horizon. A check with the weather bureau showed that the moon set at 9.52 p.m.

A few days later at 5.45 a.m. on 27th. July another "brilliant object" was seen in the sky by Mrs. I.S. Stewart, and to quote her words from the "Advertiser", "I have to get up early to feed the baby and when I looked out of the window at 5.45 a.m. there was a flat object with a light on either side floating in the air. We're used to seeing planes going over and it definitely wasn't a plane. There was a green light flashing in the sky over the sea at the same time as the object was visible, and the green light disappeared when the other did. I know that this could be an ordinary light, but the white one was different."

Mrs. Stewart said that when the white object disappeared by floating upward it left a glow in the sky which lasted for about 15 minutes. The object itself was seen for about two minutes.

Inquiry from air officials again revealed that at the time of the sighting, a Vickers Viscount was approaching West Beach from Perth, and at a distance of 20 miles from the airfield the pilot contacted the control tower and asked, "Can you see me?" After a negative reply, Control suggested that the pilot turn on his landing lights. These lights, reflected on a high bank of cirrus clouds, gave an effect which the control officer said looked "just like the flying saucer seen by Constable Bird last Saturday."

So there goes two promising reports; but we intend to follow up each clue, and we may be successful yet.

-K.C.

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THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER BUREAU

It is now definite that the A.F.S.B. has ceased to operate as the Director, Mr. Edgar Jarrold, has been unable to carry on for personal reasons. We can state authoritatively that, contrary to certain rumours which have been circulated, the closing down of the A.F.S.B. has nothing to do with security matters.

The Committee of the A.F.S.B. have agreed to form a New South Wales branch of the A.F.S.R.S., and at the time of going to press the Society is arranging a conference with Mr. Andrew Tomas of Sydney, N.S.W. to organize this branch. It is hoped that the membership will include the majority of the former members of the A.F.S.B.

More complete details of these new developments will be given in the next issue of the "Record".

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o o 4th., 1955: Under the heading,
o PRESS DIGEST o "Wanted: an answer to the saucer
o question", a reporter writes: "A
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inquiry into the existence of fly-
ing saucers has been completed is to be asked in the Com-
mons today by Major P.H.B. Wall, M.P. for Haltemprice,
Yorks. He will also ask whether it is proposed to publish
a report of the Ministry's findings. No doubt there will
be 'laughter in the House' - but is it as simple as that?
Over the years the saucers have taken some severe body
blows of ridicule but still apparently they come back for
more. The Air Ministry experts have always said that 95%
of the sightings investigated in this country have proved
to be of natural origin. But what of the other 5%? Do
the experts know more about flying saucers than they care
to admit? That is a charge often levelled against them by
saucers, but I have never found it very convincing. Why

on earth, if they have positive evidence that the saucers come from Mars or Venus or anywhere else, should they decline to say so? Nobody is afraid of the things. One can accept, of course, that there may be occasions when the saucer explanation suits the Air Ministry as a means of misdirecting public curiosity regarding some new aircraft not yet off the secret list. But a statement to this effect, even in general terms, could do no harm. What is required now is a straightforward answer stating the Air Ministry's attitude to the mystery. Is the Ministry satisfied that all the sightings can be explained? If not is there any evidence that they come from outer space?"

-----"Times" (London), May 26th. 1955: The crew of a Portuguese Air Lines aircraft claimed yesterday that they saw a long cigar-like object without wings while flying between Epsom and Dunsfold on their way to London. The Radio Officer, Joao Almeida, said that he saw the object from the flight deck. "It was travelling at terrific speed", he said. "It was long and slim and appeared to be revolving as it flashed under the nose of the aircraft". The Flight Engineer, Jose Llave, said: "To me it looked like a silver cigar. There was no smoke-trail coming from it".

-----"Times" (London), May 28th. 1955: To the Editor: Sir, The crew of an airliner were reported to have seen a cigar-shaped object fly beneath their aircraft while they were between Dunsfold and Epsom. I was at Epsom on May 25th., on the racecourse, and suggest that the object they saw was a balloon in the shape of an airship painted silver-grey, measuring 3 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. These airships were being sold in great numbers to racegoers, and taking into account the weather conditions, which were fine with a strong breeze, one of these "airships" could have reached a considerable height. I suggest that this is in fact what the crew of the airliner saw. Yours etc., M. Lock, Much Hadam, Herts.

-----"News" (Adelaide), 30th. June 1955: A cartoon shows a housewife regarding a man with a notepad hovering over her doorstep in a saucer plainly marked "A.F.S.R.S."

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Flying Saucer from Mars	(Allingham)
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